

2014 Minutes of Ellsworth Zoning Meeting

Mar 13, 2014



On Thursday, March 13, 2014 the Ellsworth Township Zoning Commission Work Session began at 6:04PM at the Town Hall.

Vice Chairman Ishraq Hafiz opened the meeting leading with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for our service personnel and the people of the missing Malaysian jet.

Members present were Vice Chairman Ishraq Hafiz, Janine Goddard, Jim Tripp and Frank Marra. Absent was Chairman Fred Schrock for a previous commitment.

One (1) guests present – Dee Tripp.

Minutes were read by Secretary, Janine Goddard for February 13 and March 6, 2014. Motion was made by Jim Tripp to approve February 13 minutes as read and seconded by Frank Marra. Motion carried. Motion was also made to approve March 6 minutes. Motion carried.

Frank Marra brought up it would be better if copies of the minutes were emailed to commission members before the meeting so they can go over them before the meeting. It was agreed to have this done. Also discussed was having Wi-Fi for the commission use during our meetings and workshops.

NEW BUSINESS

New zone change request #14-ZC-001 was received from Richard Gordon. One copy is to be mailed to the Mahoning County Planning Commission for them to set up a date for a hearing. There was not a survey included with the paperwork submitted by Richard Gordon. The commission tabled setting up a public hearing until they hear from Mahoning County Planning Commission. It was suggested it might not be until May 2014.

Discussed was whether the procedure for applying for a zone change should be put in the Zoning Resolution. It was suggested that we ask George for his input on this matter.

Also mentioned was that the Secretary is to be reimbursed for supplies, mileage, etc.

Our next workshop in April will involve the trustees, Commission members and Consultant George Smerigan to discuss the township's Land Use Plan.

Jim Tripp brought up that Fred Houston said at the trustees meeting that the trustees would be meeting with the zoning commission to work out a structure for our Land Use Plan.

Frank Marra wanted to make sure we as commission member were all on the same page. He asked Ishraq Hafiz what her vision for Ellsworth Township was. George Smerigan at the previous meeting wrote down what other commission members thought. This way the zoning commission could prepare something for the next meeting.

Jim Tripp remarked that Trustee Artie Spellman talked about looking into water, sewer and gas, bringing it into some areas.

In regards to the Zoning Commission, the Trustee's Record of Proceedings for the reorganizational meeting does not mention reimbursement for the operating costs for the Zoning Commission. In the budget, there is ten thousand (\$10,000) allotted for the consultant for 2014. This is due to the original amount of twelve thousand (\$12,000) less the already paid out amount of two thousand (\$2,000) in 2013.

Jim Tripp also explained about how it works to ask for additional funds if we exceed our allotment.

Also discussed the excessive funds that the township has allotted to different areas.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The commission is still waiting on a letter from the prosecutor in regards to James McDonald's request to add items to the zoning regulations. Was recommended that a follow-up letter be sent asking on the progress of advice. Secretary Janine Goddard said that she would mail one out.
2. Zoning Map corrections and updates – Frank Marra and Janine Goddard are meeting on Monday, March 17th with Zoning Inspector Wayne Sarna to go thru the Zone Change files.

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3. Ishraq Hafiz said she was not certain if we received the requested survey from Terry Shidel. Janine Goddard said she would check with Zoning Inspector Wayne Sarna and get back to the commission on it. Ishraq Hafiz explained the importance of having a survey submitted with the zone change application.
4. Jim Tripp provided a copy of questions & comments on the NEW DRAFT dated Feb. 2014 to discuss at our next workshops.

Motion made to adjourn at 7:40PM by Janine Goddard, seconded by Jim Tripp. Motion carried.

Janine Goddard
Secretary